

Las Vegas Urban Area Working Group (UAWG)

PUEBLO ROOM
CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
500 S. GRAND CENTRAL PKWY
LAS VEGAS NV 89106

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 11:00 A.M.

ATTENDANCE

UAWG MEMBERS PRESENT:

JOHN STEINBECK, LARRY HAYDU CARLITO RAYOS, STEVE KRAMER, RYAN TURNER,

UAWG ALTERNATES PRESENT:

RICHARD RESNICK, DIMITRI THEODOROU, RICHARD WELLS, RACHEL SKIDMORE,

UAWG MEMBERS ABSENT:

CAROLYN LEVERING, NICOLE HART, KEVIN NICHOLSON, PAUL GERNER, KASH CHRISTOPHER, CHRIS SPROULE, RICK DIEBOLD

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

John Steinbeck, UAWG Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:06 A.M. on Wednesday, February 11, 2015. Misty Richardson advised quorum present.

II. Public Comments

- No comments

III. Comments from the Chair

- The Chair announced that Paula Martel will be retiring soon and wanted to recognize Paula for all of her work over the years with Medical Reserve Corp.
- The Chair then narrated through a letter to the Secretary of Homeland Security, The Honorable Jeh Johnson, from the Nevada Congressional Delegation. Steve Kramer from the Southern Nevada Health District advised that their plans are based upon visitor population and reviewed by Health and Human Services and the Center for Disease Control. They count the transient population base and because of that it could be a base for an argument as it doesn't seem to him that all the federal agencies are using the same formula for population consideration.
- Rachel Skidmore, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, spoke to the process of the MSA Risk Profile and the data source developed by D.K. Shifflet & Associates which provided DHS an apples to apples across the country and visitors average night stay. The trouble with the report is that it is inconsistent with LVCVA numbers and they also used old data from previous recession years. She agreed with Steve Kramer about the visitor volume. She then advised that as of yesterday she was told we were to expect a letter from Senator Titus' office and hopeful for a letter from Reids office to follow.

IV. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for November 12, April 15, April 28, and May 29, 2014

Motion by, Ryan Turner: **To approve as submitted**

Seconded by, Carlito Rayos

No discussion motion carried

V. Review and Discuss Status of FFY2013 Projects

The Chair introduced the item and advised that he didn't mind if this item and item number VI intertwined with one another during the reports. The Chair reported on behalf of Clark County projects where he included both SHSP and UASI. He advised that the contract with consultant Mark Blomstrom has been terminated, the original award was for \$96,250 with only \$56,000 being spent leaving a current balance is \$40,250. At this time we have submitted to State to move remaining funds to outreach materials. There was also an SHSP All Risk All Type workshop done with \$585.00 to deobligated back.

The Chair then stated that there were FFY14 projects an IMT305 Course that he turned over to Chief Larry Haydu to report on. Chief Haydu reported that originally there was \$24,999 to do the 305 class. He stated that they are trying to push it out until October because they are trying to do an additional class with some funding that Carlito Rayos has "freed up" hoping to do that class earlier in the year, before the end of March or mid-April. He then advised they were looking at a Mid-cycle Grant through Richard Brenner to do a Hazmat Exercise in addition to that. Chief Haydu further advised that they were looking for a March or April callout drill for the IMT where we will exercise the Las Vegas Alert System and see how many people respond to that alert. In June he advised that they are looking at a workshop at the training center for the IMT so we can bring everybody together and start looking at how we would set up the IMT and what equipment we are short. The Chair then stated that it's a plan to utilize the IMT much more, at least in special event planning.

The Chair reported that they were also awarded \$130,000 on a COOP project, where nothing has been spent on that at this time, he turned the report over to Irene Navis.

Irene Navis reported by first clarifying this was an FFY14 project managed by Aaron Kenneston and that Washoe County was having an upcoming workshop to introduce the Urban Area to the COOP process. Internally she stated that the County has been working through the purchasing process, and that Chief Steinbeck provided a brief overview of the COOP process to our department heads, she stated that she will be starting the COOP for the office of emergency management very soon. Irene then advised that the Cyber Security Incident Response Team wants to keep in coordination on COOP and emergency operations related issues in case of an emergency that has a natural disaster and cyber disaster component or just a cyber-incident. Irene further reported that she is also working with CCSD and the Southern Nevada Health District to incorporate them at the proper time. At this time Irene reported that no money has been spent yet, but it will be soon.

The Chair advised that there was 2014 UASI money that came in for EOC and there was \$384.00 left to be de-obligated as not all was spent. He advised that it is his intention to get this money not being used de-obligated sooner rather than later so that someone else may have the use. The Chair advised that the above mentioned was all there is for Clark County and asked for other in attendance to bring forward their projects at this time.

Rachel Skidmore, Las Vegas Metropolitan police reported on behalf of Fusion Center. She advised that there were no funds for fiscal year 13 as we did not get UASI so it's SHSP, but stated that they were just approved last week for an extension request so we have been granted an additional three months for expenditure of the \$7049950 that we did receive.

Rachel stated that she has \$49,000 that is a remaining balance that is not currently obligated under contract. She stated that they are waiting to hear back on an approval for some moves and she expects to have a note of them this week. At most, if any, she expects there to be no more than a couple thousand dollars to de-obligate. She expects to know in the next week or two once they get approval on the project change request.

The Chair called for any other agencies that would want to report, there were none.

VI. Review and Discuss Status of FFY2014 Projects

The Chair moved to the next item as items V and VI were combined.

VII. Update on actions and strategies on behalf of the Las Vegas Urban Area with regard to maintaining UASI designation

The Chair presented the item and stated that it worked into item number VIII and that he was going to combined the items. He then stated that the letter sums it up very well and that the earlier comments from Steve Kramer and Rachel Skidmore were on target. As a result of that The Chair wants to keep the momentum going and get a working group together to represent the area where he appointed Carolyn Levering as the Working Group Chair of the Las Vegas Urban Area UASI. The Chair advised that he discussed with several people who he would like to join the Working Group of the Las Vegas Urban Area UASI but that he would like to include anyone who is interested in joining, no one asked to join the effort. The Chair stated that he didn't need to take action on this and there were no other comments.

VIII. Discuss forming a working group to coordinate actions and strategies on behalf of the Las Vegas Urban Area UASI designation and appoint a working group chair.

(This item was covered in item VII)

IX. Overview of FFY2015 grant cycle process, timelines and expectations

The Chair advised that he has spoken to NDEM Chief Chris Smith from the State about this particular topic, and as most of the people in the room already know there has been some hold ups at the Congressional level as for our funding. Most of that is tied to immigration, which is not really our issue but we are tied to that issue. So while that is being played out our process is being condensed, so I would expect that our 2015 will be more hectic than last years so we need to be prepared. On Friday the Homeland Security Committee is meeting and they will be starting their homework assignments so they can get their priorities set out. This season will be very condensed. The Chair advised that there will need to be some sort of continuing resolutions because DHS is out of money in March.

The Chair asked if Irene Navis would comment on the County's efforts. She advised that the County Lobbying Team is keeping The Chair informed on hearings and actions, and they really encouraged the UAWG to get moving on our coordination efforts and state our position. She stated that we understand that the risk profile could come out any time, and that usually kick starts out letter writing and coordination and discussions with the Congressional Delegation. Last year Irene stated that there was a conference call with some people from DHS to go through some of the questions that the UASI had and that may be something we want to organize again. There were some steps forward last year in terms of airport, and considering McCarran as an International Airport, and that moved us up in the ranks because of that decision by DHS. Those policy decisions come from our feedback on our Risk Profile, and the other is our feedback on our funding opportunity announcement which is the grant application itself, so it would be important for use to coordinate on that just like we have the past couple of years. Irene stated that the delegation wants to hear from all the jurisdictions and know that we are working together. She reiterated that everyone's consistent message must be that we are working together to provide a united front and provide coordinated information that is useful to them and useful to the department of home land security. Another thing that is done this time of year is coordination with DEM on meeting dates and for the Homeland Security Grant Working Group and for the Urban Area Working Group, and make sure that we stay in sync. The Chief has assigned Karen Taylor and Irene Navis to take the lead on the grant process and coordinate everything together. She stated that they will be working hard to make sure that everything gets reviewed. It will be an 80 day time frame unless congress says otherwise.

The Chair wanted to reiterate in an open forum that this new working group is to work together to strengthen our position as a UASI and is not a lobbying group He then called for any other discussion on the process or timelines, there were none.

X. Review and approve the 2015-2016 update to the Las Vegas Area Homeland Security Strategy

The Chair advised that the item will be held until a future meeting as they are still waiting for information.

XI. Citizen Corp Reports

- **Amateur Radio Emergency Service – No Report**
- **Community Emergency Response Team – No Report**
- **Medical Reserve Corp** – Paula Martel reported that there are currently 210,000 units identified Nationwide, there are 199 local volunteers. They participated in over 50 community events last year with the biggest response effort being the Moapa Flooding, where they assisted the American Red Cross in staffing and first aid. The flood event was the first time their Mental Health Unit had the opportunity to assist on the reservation. There were also a couple of TB responses with CCSD and the SNHD. Paula advised that just recently they received approval to make a blood draw team to work with their vaccination team. There has also been an effort to create a shelter plan for pets during emergencies that started this last year when Paula went to reintroduce the Medical Reserve Corps to new people on the animal control agencies. Paula stated that they didn't know who she was at first but once she started telling them who was a part of the Corps they really opened up and became a little more receptive to the idea of speaking with her. More work to be done on this project but all in all it's starting to move in the right direction.

Steve Kramer advised as Paula's supervisor he wanted to openly compliment her work in keeping the volunteers engaged. He then reminded the group that everyone she has on her roster are highly trained, very prominent and well qualified medical professionals. He stated that the individuals she has recruited are underutilized and that he hopes that the work she has done continues.

Paula Martel then spoke to the difficulties of using medical reserve corp in hospitals because of their individual policies and procedures.

Irene Navis then spoke to the improved relationships with local animal control units and their understanding of how things work in times of emergencies

- **Neighborhood Watch - No Report**
- **Volunteer In Police Service – No Report**

XII. Public Comments

- Ron Cameron, Urban Environmental Research announced that Dr. Sheila Conway passed away on January 8th. There will be a service on February 26th at the Anthem Center in Henderson at 3:00 P.M., anyone that would like to come is welcome.
- Steve Krammer, Southern Nevada Health District, advised that after a debacle with Cassidian for the NXT upgrade that was canceled last year, he was happy to report that the PO went out last week for them to go ahead and start the project. The new servers will be delivered hopefully within a month. There will also be a GIS component within the NXT system, but he stated it was not the latest and greatest. Once everything is received there will be a separate PO for training.
- Larry Haydu, Clark County Fire, advised that the Volunteer Fire Chief in Bunkerville, station 71, was appointed by CCSD as the new emergency manager for the school district.

- John Steinbeck, Chair advised that the new ballistic gear has been distributed to all the fire stations in the valley and is already being used in drills.

Next UAWG meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 11:00 A.M., Clark County Government Center, Pueblo Room, 1st floor, 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89106

XIII. Adjournment

Motion, by Steve Kramer: **To adjourn**

Seconded, by Larry Haydu

No discussion, motion: carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 AM

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